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In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003 (Paper No. 16), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a Declaration by inventor Magnus Limbäck.